Woman's Congresses.

The woman's congress has come to be an established feature of nineteenth century life. Congresses have been held for every imaginable purpose and 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st., return often on the slightest pretext, but a novelty will be the National Congress of Mothers which will be held in Washington next February. This should be an interesting gathering, and it will furnish opportunities for many inter- Dec. 22, Jan. 5-19, Feb. 2-16, April 6-20, esting and valuable papers. For instance, a discussion as to the relative merits of the shingle, the slipper and the palm of the hand would be of value to all mothers. But the congress will bama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Virginia and lina, Florida, Mississippi, Virginia and Miss be lacking in one respect, for such picturesque figures as Susan B. Anthony and Frances E. Willard, who are usual-ly found at all assemblages composed exclusively of women must necessar-exclusively of women must necessarexclusively of women, must necessarily absent themselves from this.

The latest swindling game was practiced successfully the other day at Benton, Pa. Two men, who appeared to be strong silver and gold advocates, were in the Central Holiday Excursions on the C. H & D depot and became involved in a heated bet a gold double eagle that if he hammered the coin into a shapeless mase tral Passenger Committee territory at It would still be worth \$20. He was ostensibly taken up by the silver advo-cate, but when it came to selling the nump to a jeweler the store was closed. ial arrangements will be made for stu-One man, a strong sound money advo-cate, who stood by and who had implicit faith in the value of gold, gave the man \$20 for the battered coin. The of Pittsburgh, B & O S W, C & O west two enthusiasts disappeared shortly to and including Kenawa, C & E, G after, and then it was discovered that Ry, C & W M, C J & M, C L & N, C after, and then it was discovered that the metal left by them was spurious.

There was laughter such as comie opera never evoked in the court of special sessions in New York theother day. never been in a court of justice prior to Line, Wabash Line, W & L E. 40c her appearance as a witness. She took a position with her back to the jury and c. H. & D. Thousand Mile Tickets began telling her story to the court. The justice said to her: "Please speak to the jury, miss; the men sitting behind you on the benches." The wif- troit;

the Consolidated railroad at Providence, corporation, who has occupied his present position for 15 years, testified that the tapping of car wheels with a hammer, as a method of inspection, was only for the purpose of making folks believe that an investigation of that the tapping of the purpose of making folks believe that an investigation of the purpose of making folks believe that an investigation of the purpose of making folks believe that an investigation of the purpose of making folks the purpose of making fol R. I., Chief Car Inspector Lamb, of that on. He did not believe that a cracked ville & Terre Haute; and will be acping with a hammer. Good eyesight also for seats in the C. H. & D. parlor served the inspectors the best and one served the inspectors the best, and one would hardly know that anything was wrong unless the defect could be seen.

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erous deposits that are known to in California.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

T., St. L. and K. C. R. R., Clover Leaf Route, will issue one and one - third fare Holiday excur-sion tickets between all stations limit Jan. 4th, 1897. Call on nearest ticket agent or address C. C. Jenkins, Gen'l. Pass. Agent, Toledo, Ohio.

Keep these Dates in Your Mind. May 4-18.

On these dates, agents of the C. H. & Louisiana, one way, at special low rates. Persons intending to go south with information as to the rates, but will also obtain literature, descriptlye of the portion of the country to which they are looking. Agents will cheer fully assist any one in obtaining infor-mation who will ask for it. May497

For the Christmas and New Years discussion. The gold man offered to holidays, agents of the C. H. & D. Ry. will sell tickets from points on their one and one-third fare for the round lines over which the CH & D will sell are as follows: A A Road, B & O west & V, C & M V, C A & C, C C & S, C C&St L, CS&H, DL&C, D&U, L&N, E&TH, CHV&T, F Ft & W. F & P M, Ft W C & L, I D & W, L S & M S, L N A & C, L E & W, M C, N Y C & St L, N Y P O Div Erie, N & The young woman who was the cause, W in Onio, NO, OC, OS, Penn, Lines reports an exchange of that city, had west of Pittsburgh, P D & E. Vandalia

Are good on the following railroads: Louisville, New Albany & Chicago; Michigan Central bet Toledo and De-Terre Haute & Indianapolis; ness at once turned around, and, making a polite bow to the jury, said, with perfect gravity: "Good morning, gentlemen!"

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Holiday Rates on C. H. & D. Hy.

Canada is taking rank as a large gold producer, with the result that at varipoints on their line to all points on for-eign lines, within the territory of the are springing up. At Kootenay, Brit-Ish Columbia, in one year a hamlet has grown to a thriving town of 5,000 in-habitants. The gold mines in that dis-habitants. The gold mines in that district are exceedingly productive, in- to students tickets, apply to agents of creasing their output rapidly. Mr. the C. H. &. D. Ry., at local stations Dec 31

ing engineer, says he has seen in Brit-Holldays Hates on Ohio Central

Agents of Ohio Central Lines are authorized to sell Excursion Tickets for the Christmas and New Year Holidays at 11 fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold December 24, 25 and 31. Also January 1, good returning until | January 4, 1897.

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Illustrative of the old saying that a certain class of intelligence can ask more questions than a wise man can answer in a long time, a man about Concord, Mass., recently met Dr. Emerson, son of Ralph Waldo Emerson, and asked him if he might borrow some of his books. "Certainly," said the doctor; "any you like." A day or so after the man called. "You said I might take a book," he began. "You may have any you like," replied the doctor. "Well, kindly loan me your mileage book over the Fitchburg railroad."

ing a Washington Star reporter one of the bright things his four-year-old daughter has been saying. Her mother, when anyone apologizes, is in the habit of using the phrase: "Oh, don't mention it." My little girl was very naughty one day and her mother said to her: "Elsie, what will God think when you tell Him how bad you have been to day?" "Why, mamma," said Elsle, "He would say: 'Elsie, don't mention it."

In use on the electric street railway of Biddeford, Me., is a peculiar track tester, based upon the adaptation of the telephone. A man sits in a car and talks continuously into a mouthpiece, which is connected electrically with a receiver held by a man in the powerhouse. A break in the conversation faulty.

An eminent economist, the late Mac-Cullagh, proposed the prohibition of the planting of the potato save within very restricted limits, on the ground that its easy cultivation encouraged indolence, and the precarious results of the potato crop, whose success could not be insured, created periodic famines

Hung Chang, is once more reposing it long ago as 1851." the bosom of his family, and very likely regaling Mrs. Chang with pipe yarns about his walking a chalk line while on his travels in the matter of keeping

CASTORIA

A Brooklyn shoe dealer tells a story illustrating the idiosyncrasics of purchasers. This one is a woman. She entered the shop one day and purchased a cheap pair of shoes. After she had gone the shopkeeper discovered that in putting up the shoes they had been mismated. This did not disturb him. It meant nothing more than a shower of unpleasant words to be poured on his devoted head when the mistake was discovered and the purchaser returned. But the shoes were not returned, and two shoes in the store were without mates. One day the woman came in. A Columbus (O.) man has been tell- "I think I gave you two shoes that were not mates the other day," he said politely. "Yes, sure," she answered, "Well, why didn't you return them?" he asked, a little angry at her assurance. "Didn't you know I couldn't sell the other shoes?" "Oh, what was the odds?" she replied. "Sure, one shoe is as good as another. But I'll take the others meself." And she did.

The enterprising "new woman" was in existence 40 or 50 years ago. "I knew such a bright woman when 1 was first married," said a nice old lady, talking over old times recently. "She was one of the wealthy Ballous of Rhode Island. She was a little bit of a woman, and I don't know but her husband may have thought she was rather too bright. She created quite an exshows where the track connections are citement for him at one election, I know. He was an editor named Robinson. They had gone west. When her husband left town for a few days, he felt confident she was able to run the paper. She was able, but it became evident that she did not share her husband's views on all subjects. The paper was democratic, and Mrs. Robinson made the change in editors manifest immediately by coming out with a strong whig leader. She created a By this time the great Mongolian, Li sensation. That must have been as

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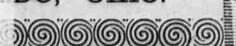
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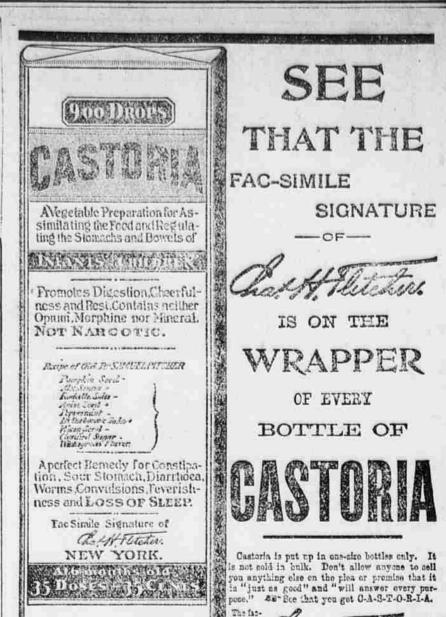
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